

programs. The income limits including the pension are, for a single person, \$720 a year and, for a married person living with his spouse, \$1,200 a year including the income of the spouse.

British Columbia.—The administration of provincial welfare services by the Social Welfare Branch of the Department of Health and Welfare is decentralized through district and municipal offices in six regions covering the whole Province. Generalized field service is provided by provincial social workers. The staff of the Social Welfare Branch is also responsible for welfare services required in connection with a number of programs operated by the Health Branch.

Cities and municipalities of over 10,000 population must have their own social welfare departments to administer the social assistance program and to provide case-work services. The Province pays 50 p.c. of the salaries of municipal social workers or, where more than one is needed, matches the municipal appointees worker for worker. Smaller municipalities may have their own or amalgamated social-welfare departments or they may pay for the services of the Social Welfare Branch.

Child Care and Protection.—The Child Welfare Division administers legislation governing the protection of children, including adoptions, and provides direct services except at Vancouver and Victoria where it supervises the Children's Aid Societies. Municipalities are responsible for the costs of maintaining wards, but the Province reimburses them to the extent of 80 p.c. of such expenditure and pays the entire cost for children in unorganized areas. The Province pays the total maintenance cost of wards who are children of unmarried mothers. Child-caring institutions, boarding homes and day nurseries are licensed and supervised. The Social Welfare Branch administers a Boys' and a Girls' Industrial School for delinquent children. Family case-work and rehabilitative supervision of boys and girls released from the schools are carried on in co-operation with the Psychiatric Division and the probation service of the Juvenile Courts, which are under the jurisdiction of the Attorney-General's Department.

Care of the Aged.—The Social Welfare Branch operates the Provincial Home which provides care for aged men. In addition, the Province operates Provincial Homes for the Aged under the mental health program administered by the Provincial Secretary's Department, as well as the Provincial Infirmary for chronic care under the B.C. Hospital Insurance Service. The Province also contributes 33 p.c. of the capital cost of construction of municipal nursing homes, and licenses and supervises municipal and private nursing homes and boarding homes. The maintenance of needy residents, where necessary, is shared with the municipalities on an 80-20 basis. The Province assumes the total cost for provincial charges.

Social Assistance.—The social assistance program is administered by the Director of Welfare and supervised by the Family Division. It includes allowances to indigent individuals or families, counselling services, occupational training and the maintenance costs of nursing-home or boarding-home care. The Province reimburses the municipalities 80 p.c. of the cost of basic and certain supplementary social assistance payments to indigent municipal residents and assumes the total cost of assistance granted to provincial residents.

Subsection 3.—Workmen's Compensation

In all ten provinces, legislation is in force providing for compensation for injury to a workman by accident arising out of and in the course of employment, or by a specified industrial disease. A summary of provincial workmen's compensation legislation is given in the Labour Chapter.